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Computer Associates and Olympus America Join Forces to Develop
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eBusiness Solutions for **Medical** Community

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CA's Jasmine(ii) and Services Provides Internet-Ready
Infrastructure,
Object Repository and Multimedia Platform for Next-Generation
Endoscopy
Products

ISLANDIA, N.Y., July 18 /PRNewswire/ -- Computer
Associates
International, Inc. (CA), the world's leading eBusiness solutions
provider,
today announced that Olympus America Inc. (Olympus) is
using CA's
Jasmine(ii) to develop a new family of highly advanced endoscopy
software
management products for the **medical** industry. Leveraging
CA's
advanced eBusiness platform software in conjunction with CA's
Neugents
neural network technology and development support from CA
Services, the
next-generation **medical** solutions will improve the efficiency
of
medical diagnostic procedures, reduce costs and ultimately lead
to
improved **patient** care.

We see this collaboration as the beginning of a very
broad and
powerful long-term alliance between Olympus and Computer
Associates," said
Mark Gumz, president of Olympus. "In addition to possessing the
eBusiness
technology and development expertise to help bring our advanced
endoscopy
solutions to bear, CA has demonstrated a keen interest in
forging a solid
partnership, and proven its commitment and ability to grow along
with us in
the future."

Jasmine(ii) will be the eBusiness platform, as well an integrated object repository for the newest version of Olympus' EndoWorks computer system and EVIS EXERA endoscopy product family -- an advanced line of smart, self-monitoring **medical** devices that allow **medical** experts to visualize and inspect the lining surface of **patients'** internal organs, particularly those of the gastrointestinal tract.

Utilizing CA technology, the EndoWorks and EXERA endoscopy products will allow health providers to quickly and conveniently access **medical** information across Local Area Networks (LAN), Wide Area Networks (WAN) and the Internet, making it easier to compare findings to archived information, and diagnose and treat conditions. The solution will also make it possible to conveniently view and exchange data with other **medical** professionals.

"Considering the tremendous cost pressures the healthcare industry is experiencing today, it's critical that we be able to harness cutting-edge eBusiness technologies to deliver a whole new range of efficiencies," said Jim Costello, vice president of business and product development of Olympus. "Olympus' next-generation endoscopy products, complemented by CA's technology, will deliver the advances so greatly needed by today's **medical** marketplace and the healthcare industry of tomorrow."

Olympus was especially attracted to Jasmine(ii) because of its tremendous eBusiness potential. "Jasmine(ii) blends together the most comprehensive eBusiness platform with a powerful object database," said Costello. "Having everything in one integrated package makes it an extremely robust solution, much more straightforward in terms of the development process, and a lot more reliable."

Because it is a major player in the imaging market place, Olympus recognized the substantial benefits that could be attained through Jasmine(ii)'s object oriented technology. The software handles images and other complex objects very efficiently, allowing video clips and other multimedia to be captured and effectively utilized by hospitals,

patients and other customers.

"There is an intimate working relationship between the Olympus and CA teams, and we are committed to integrating the two in the best interest of our mutual clients," said Gumz. "What we appreciate most about the people at CA is that they truly want to understand our business, our needs and our customers' needs. That's key to really being able to work well together."

Jasmine(ii) also provides a portal that allows seamless integration with client/server networks and legacy systems that are commonly found within hospital environments. "The openness of the Jasmine(ii) platform was extremely important to us because our customers don't just jump into to eBusiness by throwing out their old systems and implementing everything new," said Costello. "Thanks to Jasmine(ii) our **medical** customers can take advantage of everything they have in place, and not have to recreate their entire information world in order to get maximum benefit from our product."

Using CA's Neugents software, the Olympus endoscope products will continuously accumulate sampled procedures, providing doctors with a form of advanced artificial intelligence that allows them to conveniently and consistently use the most appropriate information from Web-based libraries or secure databases. In addition to being an enormously helpful procedural tool for doctors, the solution will serve as an ideal teaching tool, according to Costello.

To streamline billing of cost-for-procedure practices, the new Olympus products will also automatically record the number of diagnostic sessions conducted by each facility on each piece of equipment, and forward the information to the appropriate parties via the Internet each month. "

Automating administrative procedures such as these will significantly alleviate the burden placed upon **medical** experts, who often spend more time completing paperwork than actually diagnosing and treating **patients**," said Gumz.

The Olympus/CA partnership extends well beyond technology integration.

CA Services professionals are working closely with Olympus throughout the collaborative effort, much of which is taking place in CA's newest Enterprise Delivery Center (EDC) in Islandia, N.Y.

With locations around the world, EDCs are advanced application development facilities that can readily model complex, large-scale projects whose development, integration, and installation requirements are tailored to specific client needs. The new Islandia EDC is physically located in CA's worldwide headquarter offices and, by way of the high-speed EDC-NET network, can share CA technology, consulting resources, and best practices with other EDC locations. Like the other EDCs, the Islandia facility is highly adaptable to joint development environments where staff members from both the client and CA can work side-by-side on critical projects.

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